

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0033] of the specification as follows:

[0033] The starter gearing 3 includes an intermediate shaft 8 that is supported in the housing 7 of the internal combustion engine. The starter gearing [[8]] 3 also has a hub 9 that is pressed onto the intermediate shaft [[7]] 8. However, the hub can be rigidly fixed onto the intermediate shaft by another appropriate method, as would be appreciated by those skilled in the art.

Please amend paragraph [0034] of the specification as follows:

[0034] A first gear wheel 11, which is formed by a gear ring 10, is arranged on the hub 9. The first gear wheel 11 is rotatable relative to the hub 9. The gear ring 10 of the first gear wheel 11 is connected to the hub 9 through a plain bearing 25.